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MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Employment Opportunities, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

Summer may almost be over but I'm proud to say we have accomplished a lot in these past few months. From weekly Tae Kwon Do and yoga classes to an upcoming film screening and community block party; our office has been working hard to make Chinatown a place where all residents can enjoy culturally sensitive activities. We've also been working hard to plan an exciting and engaging forum for you all. The **AAPI Action Forum** is only THREE days away! This forum will be an important opportunity for you to voice your concerns and tell me how I can help to make the District a greater place to live, work, and play. At this forum, we will be discussing solutions to issues that affect us all:

- Health care
- Education
- Public Safety
- Housing
- Economic Empowerment

I look forward to hearing what you have to say on Sept 12.

Warm Regards,

David Do

Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



MOAPIA News

Tai Chi Classes Continue Through September



**Mayor's Office on Asian
and Pacific Islander
Affairs**

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

How to Reach Us

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Suite 721 North
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-3120
oapia@dc.gov

The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hopes to create a more cohesive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia.

To submit events or announcements for the website, please contact oapia@dc.gov.

All listings will be on the website until the end date of the program/event/posting deadline or up to one month.

A listing will only be added to the website if it is no



MOAPIA is excited to announce it will be continuing its morning Tai Chi classes! Classes will be moved to **Thursday mornings at 8 am.**

Location: Chinatown Park (Mass Ave and I St NW between 5th and 6th St NW)

Schedule of Remaining Events:

- 9/10, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 9/17, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 9/24, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class

RSVPs are encouraged but walk-ins are welcomed! To pre-register for Tai Chi classes, please visit morningtaichi.eventbrite.com.

For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202) 727-3120.

Chinatown Park Start FRESH! - Outdoor Movie Screenings

MOAPIA is hosting "Under the Stars: Outdoor Movie Screening" as part of its *Chinatown Park Start FRESH!* series. Free popcorn will be provided.

Movies will begin at 8 pm. To RSVP, please register [here](#).

For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202)-727-3120.

more than one month out in advance; certain exceptions apply at MOAPIA's discretion.

A movie poster for 'Under the Stars' at Chinatown Park. The poster has a red and white striped background with a large white circle in the center. Inside the circle, it says 'CHINATOWN PARK START FRESH!' at the top, followed by 'UNDER THE STARS' in large red letters, then 'FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES @ CHINATOWN PARK' and '6TH AND I STREET NW'. Below the circle, it says 'MOVIE STARTS AT 8PM' and 'Bring your own blanket or chair!'. At the bottom, it lists the dates 'AUGUST 21' and 'SEPTEMBER 18' with the movies 'House of Flying Daggers' and 'Raise the Red Lantern' respectively. It also includes an RSVP link and logos for MOAPIA, MPTD, DPR, and the DC Government. The poster is decorated with popcorn and flower graphics.

DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

CHINATOWN PARK
START FRESH!

UNDER THE STARS

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES
@ CHINATOWN PARK
6TH AND I STREET NW

MOVIE STARTS AT 8PM
Bring your own blanket or chair!

New Date
AUGUST 21 **SEPTEMBER 18**
House of Flying Daggers Raise the Red Lantern

RSVP - <http://moapia-underthestars.eventbrite.com>

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Follow us @DCMOAPIA #ChinatownParkStartFresh
For more information, email us at oapia@dc.gov or call (202) 727-3120

9/12 - AAPI Action Forum

DC MAYOR'S OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

AAPI ACTION FORUM

GETTING A **"FRESH START"** ON THE **PRIORITY NEEDS** OF
ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS(AAPI) AND MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

FREE MEALS AND PRIZES!

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Doors open at 9 AM

REGISTER TODAY!
DCTakesAction.eventbrite.com

f @DCMOAPIA #DCTakesAction

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
West Salon G & H
801 Mt Vernon Pl NW WDC 20001
Metro: Mt Vernon Sq 7th St
Convention Center

MOAPIA OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS SERVE DC WE ARE PARTNERS GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

To request reasonable accommodations, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance of the event.

September 12, 2015

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
West Salon G/H
801 Mt. Vernon Place NW
Washington, DC 20001

On September 12, MOAPIA will host the [AAPI Action Forum](#) at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

This forum will be a rare opportunity for members of all parts of the AAPI community to come together and talk with each other about the most important issues we encounter in our daily lives. Some representatives of the Latino and African diaspora communities will also be present so that we can explore ways for multi-cultural cooperation on areas of common concern. This highly interactive meeting will give everyone who attends an opportunity to express their views in lively small group discussions.

We will also have computers at every table and use keypad polling technology to collect data throughout the day. The purpose of the forum is to identify specific action priorities for the AAPI community on issues relating to health care, education, economic empowerment, housing and public safety. It will be an informative, entertaining and productive meeting with free breakfast and free lunch served to all participants.

If you haven't already done so, please go to www.DCTakesAction.eventbrite.com to learn more this exciting program and register to attend.

MOAPIA is Hiring

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) is seeking

qualified bilingual candidates for the position of Program Coordinator.

CORE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Program Coordinator shall:

- Ensure implementation and delivery of the Language Access Act to the AAPI community;
- Collect and furnish data on the trends in the AAPI communities and provide reports, briefs, and other information;
- Monitor and coordinate interactions between the MOAPIA and DC City Council on issues that affect AAPIs, including preparing hearing testimonies;
- Attends meetings with or for the Director, as an aide or designated representative, provides back-up on long range program matters, and on important and/or policy issues; and
- Is responsible for grants management functions including implementation and execution of activities associated with grants, grant billing, and evaluating subject activities to ensure that services provided pursuant to the grant are cost-effective, efficient, effective and economical.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATION

The successful candidate will be fluent (both writing and speaking) in English and in any of the following languages: Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, Cantonese. Experienced in data collection, grants management, and critical analytical thinking. A Baccalaureate degree is required.

Evenings and weekends are requested on an as needed basis. Proven ability to work in the United States is also required.

If you are interested in this role, please upload your resume and answer the questionnaire at <http://mota.applytojob.com/apply/k4ZxmX/Program-Coordinator-Bilingual-Mayors-Office-Of-Asian-Pacific-Islander-Affairs.html?source=moapia>.

MOAPIA is Recruiting Fall Interns



The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) is seeking motivated individuals interested in public service and the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Interns will have the opportunity to work on a variety of assignments pertaining to outreach, language access, and intergovernmental affairs.

For more information, please visit our website [here](#). To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Christina Truong at christina.truong@dc.gov.

MOAPIA Created a Google Group!

Join MOAPIA's
 Group

Share news and events in your community with fellow DC residents. Get direct updates from MOAPIA.



<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

The [MOAPIA Google Group](#) was created so that community members can have a space to connect with fellow like-minded individuals interested in all things AAPI. Members are encouraged to share their own news or events that are happening in DC (whether it be an upcoming happy hour, film screening, workshop, etc). MOAPIA will occasionally post updates on current and upcoming events/initiatives.

The space is also a way for members to get their questions answered regarding government programs and services. Have a question about sidewalk repairs, small business support, safety, language access, or any other topic? Post your questions on the forum! Or if you just want to voice a concern you have or concerns about your neighborhood, post it there and we will be sure to follow-up.

We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways to better serve you.

Feel free to share this great space with others!

Link: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

MOAPIA in the Community

Outreach in the Community



One business owner pledging to not sell synthetic drugs



MOAPIA staff conducting outreach with the Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)

Events and Announcements

Community Calendar

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9/28 - OPGS and Center for Nonprofit Advancement Hosts the 15th Annual Public Private Partnership Conference

The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services in collaboration with the Center for Nonprofit Advancement is co-hosting the **15th Annual Public Private Conference** on Monday, September 28, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Kellogg Conference Hotel at Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002. The conference theme focuses on the significance of the nonprofit sector as a major employer that according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics represents the highest percent 26.6% on nonprofit employment by State in the country followed by New York at 18.1% in 2012. The District's nonprofit sector is often viewed as a service provider seeking funding rather than a major sustainable employer whose employees are well positioned to succeed on the Pathway to the Middle Class.

Opening Plenary Session:

- The Nonprofit Sector as the Pathway to the Middle Class in the Washington Metropolitan Area Conference Workshop

Topics:

- Significance of the Nonprofit Sector as a Sustainable Employer
- What are the Employment Needs of the Nonprofit Sector?
- Aligning Workforce Development and Placement to Employment Opportunities
- Straight-Talk Encouraging Millennials to seek Nonprofit Careers
- Potential Funding and Grant-making Strategies for Service Providers
- Prioritizing and Funding Successful Nonprofit Capacity Building Initiatives

Closing Plenary Session:

- Review of Lessons Learned and Draft Policy Recommendations for the Mayor

For more information and to register visit www.opgs.dc.gov or <https://www.nonprofitadvancement.org/event/2015-09-28/15th-annual-public-private-partnership-conference>.

Join us for the multi-sector
15th Annual Public Private Partnership Conference
"Building People, Building Stronger Organizations"

The Nonprofit Sector Significance: A Pathway to the Middle Class

Date:

Monday, September 28, 2015

Time:

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location:

Gallaudet University -
Kellogg Conference Hotel
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington DC, 20002

Topics to include:

- What are the employment needs of the nonprofit sector?
- Straight Talk: Encouraging Millennials to Seek Nonprofit Careers
- Potential funding and grant-making strategies for service providers

For more information and to register visit www.opgs.dc.gov or <https://www.nonprofitadvancement.org>

Featured Moderators:



Bruce McNamer
President & CEO
The Community
Foundation for the
National Capital Region



Glen O'Gilvie, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
Center for Nonprofit
Advancement



Chuck Bean
Executive Director
Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments



Lisa Brown Morton
President and CEO
Nonprofit HR



Safer, Stronger DC

Mayor Muriel Bowser outlined a comprehensive public safety agenda, the Safer, Stronger DC plan. The proposal includes increasing police presence on streets and in communities as long as necessary, getting tough on the relatively small number of repeat violent offenders who continue to bring harm to the DC community, and providing the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) with the tools and resources it needs to protect neighborhoods. Because this is not just a policing issue, Mayor Bowser has proposed a number of measures that will bring stability, opportunity and more services to the neighborhoods that have been hardest hit by crime. Working closely with Police Chief Cathy Lanier and Deputy Mayor Kevin Donahue, the Mayor is confident that this agenda will make the District safer and stronger. To read more about Mayor Bowser's Safer, Stronger DC plan please visit mayor.dc.gov/page/saferstronger.



SAFER, STRONGER DC

Mayor Bowser will introduce a comprehensive public safety agenda to combat violent crime in the District of Columbia, and keep our city safe and strong. The agenda includes a mix of legislative, budgetary, and administrative measures.

Put more police officers on the streets

- Continue to authorize the use of money to sustain the increase in police officers in our hardest hit areas, until it is no longer needed.
- Dedicate more funding to use civilians instead of police officers to perform administrative tasks, and redeploy MPD officers to focus on high priority issues and locations.
- Use financial incentives to retain MPD's most experienced officers and attract new recruits.

Give law enforcement more tools to protect our residents

- Create an incentive program to encourage businesses, property owners, and churches to install security cameras - to deter crime and identify criminals.
- Provide the funding needed by the Department of Forensic Sciences to hire more crime scene investigators, prioritize murder cases, and eliminate its backlog of untested evidence.

Stop violent criminals from repeatedly victimizing our community

- Address the relatively small number of individuals who continue to bring harm to our neighborhoods:
 - If a violent offender is on pretrial supervision and violates a stay away order or allows his or her GPS bracelet to be damaged or to go uncharged, he or she can be held for at least 72 hours.
 - If a violent offender is released early under supervision, their living quarters will be subject to searches for illegal guns by supervision agencies.
 - And if a violent offender commits another violent crime, he or she will have a higher standard of proof that they are not a danger to neighborhoods while awaiting trial.
- Expand law enforcement access to data from GPS trackers worn by individuals under supervised release, so we can better investigate crimes and pursue justice.

Increase penalties for violent crimes committed in our public transit system or at our parks and recreation centers

- Increase penalties for convictions of violent crimes on a MetroBus, Metro train, DC Circulator, DC Streetcar, MetroAccess van, or at streetcar or bus stops.
- Increase penalties for convictions for violent crimes committed at any District park or recreation center.
- Perpetrators will face 1.5 times the maximum jail sentence, and 1.5 times the fine.

Launch a community partnership strategy to support neighborhoods

- Initiate a new community grant program dedicated to funding non-profits that help improve the lives of individuals and families living in areas victimized by violent crime.
- Provide intensive and individualized employment services, social services, and health services in neighborhoods afflicted by violence.

In addition to the Safer, Stronger DC initiative, by September 15 Mayor Bowser will release additional public safety legislation and initiatives:

Community-Police Relations Reform Legislation

- Focus on preserving and increasing strong police-community relations by changing certain laws to reduce unnecessary contact between the community and police, such as:
 - Amending the misdemeanor assault on a police officer law to narrow the behavior it criminalizes.
 - Repealing certain vehicle and traffic violations, such as items hanging from rearview mirror or on the dashboard that do not greatly enhance public safety and are perceived as tools for pre-textual stops.
 - Eliminating the legal requirements that officers issue two separate tickets whenever they stop a driver without proof of insurance.

Returning Citizen Employment Readiness Legislation

- Change the amount of "good time" credits a misdemeanor inmate may receive.
- Allow inmates to earn up to 3 "good time" credits per month for good behavior and 5 "good time" credits for completion of rehabilitative programs, work detail, and special projects.
- Allow pre-trial misdemeanor inmates to be temporarily released from the D.C. Jail during work hours so they can keep working at their job while they serve their sentence.



Pledge to End Homelessness in DC

Making **Homelessness** Rare, Brief,
and Non-recurring in DC



**TAKE THE PLEDGE TO
END HOMELESSNESS**



Mayor Bowser has a plan, Homeward DC, to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in the District. In her first budget, Mayor Bowser made historic investments in Homeward DC plan and in the solutions that we know will work to end

homelessness. Now, Mayor Bowser is announcing a set of legislative and administrative measures to ensure these investments make the biggest impact on the lives of DC residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Learn more about the Homeward DC by visiting mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC that will end homelessness in DC. Sign the pledge to help community members who experience homelessness find a place to call home.

DCHBX Announces New Health Insurance Program

The DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority (DCHBX) is committed to making affordable, quality health insurance coverage available to everyone in the District of Columbia. **Cover ALL DC** for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents is a new program that advances this goal by offering health insurance options targeted to individuals who are not eligible to get insurance through the DC Alliance or DC Health Link.



Cover ALL DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents

The DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority's Commitment

The DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority is committed to making affordable, quality health insurance coverage available to everyone in the District of Columbia. **Cover ALL DC** for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents is a new program that advances this goal by offering health insurance options targeted to individuals who are not eligible to get insurance through the DC Alliance or DC Health Link.

What is Cover ALL DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents?

Cover ALL DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents is a new opportunity for DC residents who do not meet eligibility requirements for DC Health Link (including private coverage or Medicaid) or DC Alliance. It offers the same private health and dental insurance options available to DC Health Link customers. Individuals who qualify for DC Alliance should continue to obtain their coverage through that program.

How is Cover ALL DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents different from DC Alliance?

Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents allows consumers to purchase any of the private health and dental plans offered through DC Health Link. These plans cover a comprehensive range of benefits and are open to adults and children. There is no financial assistance available to those who enroll through Cover ALL DC. Enrollees must pay the full cost of all premiums as well as co-pays, coinsurance, and deductibles. The chart below compares the two programs.

	DC Alliance	Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents
<i>Premiums</i>	\$0	Full cost of private health plan
<i>Cost-sharing (copayments, deductibles, etc.)</i>	\$0	Costs vary depending on the plan
<i>Financial assistance</i>	Free program	None available
<i>Financial eligibility requirements</i>	Income at or below 200% of poverty	None
<i>Age requirements</i>	Age 21 and over	Any age
<i>Covered benefits</i>	Medical and limited dental benefits	Comprehensive medical benefits. Dental benefits can be purchased separately.

When can people begin enrolling in Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents?

Enrollment for Cover All DC is available now. Because this program was not available during the 2015 open enrollment period, consumers can enroll in coverage at any time during 2015. Beginning in 2016, consumers will generally be able to enroll only during the annual DC Health Link open enrollment period (from November 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016).

After open enrollment ends, consumers may still be able to enroll in Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents if they qualify for a special enrollment period.

How will people apply for Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents?

Cover All DC applications will only be available through community partners. Community partners will complete a paper application and either e-mail or mail it to the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority (DCHBX) for processing. The following community partners are available to assist consumers with completing the application:

- **Mary's Center**
3912 Georgia Ave NW
Washington, DC 20011
(202) 420-7091
Hours of operations: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Languages: English, Spanish and Amharic
- Send completed applications to

Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents
c/o DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority
1225 Eye Street, NW Suite 400
Washington, DC 20005

Employment Opportunities

Career Connections

The MOAPIA [Career Connections](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community employment opportunities, internships, scholarships, grants, and more. Please check the Career Connections page regularly for updates.

To submit announcements for the website, please contact opapia@dc.gov. All listings will be on the website until the end date of the posting deadline or up to one month.

The University of the District of Columbia Community College Offers Free Training for DC Residents

UDC-CC's Division of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning offers programs at no cost to DC residents. Their programs offer students the ability to earn industry recognized certifications recognized in 5 career pathways.

For more information, visit UDC's website at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact them at workforce@udc.edu.

Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning

FREE Training for DC Residents



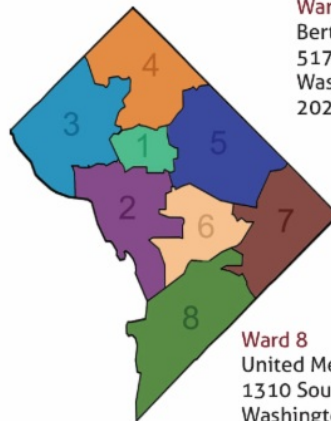
WDLL's mission is to reduce unemployment and underemployment in the District of Columbia by enhancing the skills of its residents.

Training is focused on the industries that are hiring in the DC metropolitan area.

- Healthcare
- Information Technology and Office Administration
- Construction
- Transportation
- Hospitality
- Professional Development

For more information, visit us at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact us at workforce@udc.edu

Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning (WDLL) Locations



Ward 5
Bertie Backus
5171 South Dakota Avenue NE
Washington DC 20017
202-274-7209

Ward 6
Main Campus
801 North Capitol Street NE
Washington DC 20002
202-274-7181

Ward 7
Marion Shadd
5601 East Capitol Street SE
Washington DC 20019
202-274-5617

Ward 8
Patricia Roberts Harris
4600 Livingston Road SE
Washington DC 20032
202-274-6999

Ward 8
United Medical Center
1310 Southern Avenue SE
Washington DC 20032
202-574-6854

Ward 8
St. Elizabeths
R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center
2730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington DC 20032

For more information, visit us at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact us at workforce@udc.edu

The Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Recruiting Bilingual Police Officers



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is looking for individuals who are problem-solvers, who enjoy working with others in all types of settings and circumstances, and ultimately, people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. MPD offers a very competitive starting salary, with police officers who are certified as fluent in any language other than English receiving additional pay, as well as a plethora of benefits.

So if you think you have what it takes to be a part of one of the top police departments in the country, apply today!

According to the Census Bureau figures, the Washington, D.C. population is growing at its fastest pace in decades. As our Asian American and Pacific Islander community also continues to grow, the need for new police officers who are bilingual increases. MPD is therefore reaching out to all of our ethnic communities as we expand to meet the changing needs of our city. In Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, MPD will be hiring approximately 300 new police officers annually.

To find out more about MPD police officer careers, call the Recruiting Division toll free at 1-800-994-MPDC (6732), or if you are in the Washington area at (202) 645-0445. The office is located at 101 M Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024. MPD invites you to please visit the website for more detailed information on this exciting career opportunity.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:

- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/join-metropolitan-police-department>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/salary-and-benefits>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-officer-selection-process>

DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Resources



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

DOES also offers [Project Empowerment](#), a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training and subsidized employment to District residents. Participants attend an intensive three-week training course and are then placed in a subsidized employment opportunity for up to six months, all while working towards securing permanent, unsubsidized employment.

PROJECT EMPOWERMENT

What is PE?

Project Empowerment is a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training, work experience, and job search assistance to District residents who face multiple barriers to employment. PE also provides supportive services such as adult basic education, job coaching and occupational skills training.

Who Do We Serve?

District of Columbia residents who are:

- 22-54 years old
- Currently unemployed
- No receiving government assistance (food stamps are acceptable)
- Not currently using any illegal substances

All potential PE participants must exhibit at least three (3) of the following:

- Basic skills deficiency, demonstrated by a lack of sufficient mastery of basic educational skills and/or an English language deficiency with an inability to speak, read, or write the English language
- Lack of secondary school educational credential
- A documented history of substance abuse
- Homelessness
- A history of job cycling
- A felony conviction

How Do We Operate?

- Program Orientation: Participants are introduced to the program.
- Intake, Assessment, and Case Management: Participants' life and work skills are assessed and assigned to a case manager.
- Supportive Services: Case Managers evaluate participants' needs and recommend necessary support services.
- Job Readiness/Life Skills Training: Participants attend a three-week workshop.
- Employability Activities: Participants gain important employability skills.
- Professional Development: Participants are offered additional coaching.
- Job Retention and Follow-Up: Retention Specialists will be in contact for up to one year following attainment of permanent employment.

Program participants receive \$9.00 per hour for the duration of their participation beginning with Job Readiness Training



CONTACT US:

Department of Employment Services,
Project Empowerment Program

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Floor, Washington, DC 20019

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